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## The SPORTLIGHT

### Harvard-Yale Contest Should Be Close

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NEW YORK, Nov. 21 (N.A.A.A.).—Saturday's ancient duel between Harvard and Yale may be for no championship of any sort, but it should be one of the closest of the season. Both Blue and Crimson have suffered many injuries, with few replacements for the open gaps, and this makes any advance selection even harder to make.

After all, Harvard has tied Pennsylvania, and Yale has beaten the Dartmouth team that beat Cornell. Penn State will have a hard time keeping her unbeaten record safe against a good, stout Pittsburgh team that is far from being an easy mark. These are both good teams, with good line and good backs, and the choice again isn't easy to make.

The same is true of the Cornell-Pennsylvania matter at Franklin Field. These two teams still have the best material in the Ivy circuit, concerning both quantity and quality. Cornell's apparent edge took a good drop after the Dartmouth game as Pennsylvania came booming back.

Lafayette should have no such trouble in its traditional game with Lehigh. Lafayette, still unbeaten, should be one of the few to remain in that cheerful condition through the finish.

### Jack Sutherland Proves Class in Pro Football

The pro race still is one of the hottest of many years. The pace this season has been the fastest on record, and Jack Sutherland has turned in one of the season's best jobs as a first-year Dodge coach.

There was considerable interest all over the football country as to how the emerald city would fare in professional ranks. They all know the answer now. A good coach is a good coach in any league.

Ray Flaherty's Washington Redskins looked to have the show bottled up until Sutherland's Dodge stopped the Redskins' assault. On top of this the still alert Redskins, with Sammy Baugh pitching, have something to beat when they meet Steve Owen's Giants in New York on Sunday.

The Bears still have to win the Western title, so the stretch should be loaded with action.

### Grid World Still Wondering Over Indian Uprising

They still are wondering how Red Blaik and his staff were able to bring Dartmouth to such a peak against a Cornell team that looked more than 20 points better, even on an off day.

In checking back over the betting forms, I find this game wasn't even listed, as the odds were rated at 15 to 1 against Dartmouth.

The betting commissions tell me no one cared to back Dartmouth at any price.

This will be listed as one of the greatest comebacks or greatest upsets in football history.

Any guy goes to prove what an aroused spirit can do against an opponent which feels pretty sure of the final score. Blocking and tackling both are largely a matter of being keyed up for the occasion—and you can remember that blocking and tackling still are a big part of football, no matter what other details may enter the picture.

Dartmouth had both to a high degree.

On Saturday a flock of great stars, headed by Tom Harmon of Michigan, and their college careers. In this list you will find Frank of Minnesota, Christian of Missouri, O'Rourke at Boston College, one of the best, and many others who take high rank. Kimbrough won't be through until next Thursday, when they celebrate an old-fashioned Thanksgiving in Texas.

### Loss of Great Backfield Pairs Hits Wolverines

Michigan, losing Harmon and Evasevski, her two-man gang for some three seasons, will be hard hit. Among players of this type rarely come along in pairs.

The Wolverines are up against a desperate Ohio State team hoping to redeem a rather spotty record. In Scott and Langhurst the Buckeyes also have two big, fast backs who can give anybody trouble.

It might be mentioned here that Boston College can afford a big bet against Auburn. Frank Leahy's big team came through a terrific physical test against Georgetown that is sure to have some harmful effect, but with all eyes focused on a big bowl trip the flying Eagles are not likely to ease up or start loafing against an invader with so many dangerous backs.

Tennessee has a lighter problem against Kentucky, where only another smashing upset would end the Volunteer run.

### Fair Hockey Stars Aim At All-America Posts

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WILLIAMSBURG, Va., Nov. 21.—Three days of competition among the Nation's best women hockey players got underway here today with the eyes of some 170 fair ladies fixed upon the goal of making the 1940 All-America eleven.

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CHICAGO, Nov. 21.—George Franck, Minnesota's smooth 175-pound passing, running and kicking star, will make his final bid for all-America honors against Wisconsin Saturday.

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